European Commission, the latter agreed to restore zero duty access to Indian jute goods retrospectively from 1.7.1995. This has considerably improved access of Indian Jute goods into the European Union market.

[Translation]

Export of Cotton

*260. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
DR. G.L. KANAUJIA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of cotton exported during 1995-96;

(b) whether the Government propose to make changes in the cotton export policy and withdraw restrictions from the export of cotton;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the target set for export of cotton during 1996-97; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Including spillover shipments, about 5.57 lakh bales of cotton is reported to have been exported till 18.7.1996 during the 1995-96 season.

(b) and (c) Export of cotton is regulated and is subject to quantitative restrictions announced by the Ministry of Textiles. Government releases export quota for raw cotton from time to time after assessing production, demand, supply, prices etc. with a view to ensuring that, while on the one hand cotton growers received remunerative prices, on the other the consuming sector, particularly decentralised handloom and powerloom weavers are also able to procure their supplies at fair prices. Removal of quantitative restrictions on the export of cotton from the country is not being contemplated at present.

(d) and (e). The quanity of cotton allowed for export is announced in any cotton year after taking into account all relevant factors and after reliable estimates are available of the crop size, cotton availability, likely demand, etc. The 1996-97 cotton season will commence only from 1st September, 1996, and no quota for export has been announced for 1996-97 so far.

Construction of Court Buildings

1886. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government provides 50 percent Central assistance for construction of court buildings, residential accommodation etc.;

(b) whether the government have not provided its share to various states during last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for delay and time bound programme to pay the arrears in full?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) :

(a) The centrally sponsored scheme for the development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary introduced from 1993-94 is aimed at supplementing the efforts of the State Governments and is confined to construction of Court Buildings and residences for the Judges. While tne Central allocation is dependent on the budget allocation provided for the scheme by the Planning Commission, the States are required to come forward with a matching provision to take advantage of this scheme.

(b) No, Sir, full Central Share has been provided to the eligible States.

(c) A Statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Sl.	Name of the State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	221.20	439.98	369.40	1030.58
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	20.00	14.00	34.00	68.00
3.	Assam	79.80	156.89	153.52	390.21
4.	Bihar	174.90	147.00	334.79	656.69
5.	Goa	20.00	34.00	34.00	88.00
6.	Gujarat	100.80	197.45	193.28	491.53
7.	Haryana	47.90	94.14	92.21	234.25

1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	Himachal Pradesh	20.00	34.00	71.50	125.50
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	20.00	34.00	71.50	125.50
10.	Karnataka	146.70	286.72	304.23	737.65
11.	Kerala	94.90	140.00	186.98	421.88
12.	Madhya Pradesh	179.90	351.67	344.24	875.98
13.	Maharashtra	193.80	377.35	369.41	940.56
14.	Mizoram	20.00	34.00	34.00	88.00
15.	Manipur	20.00	34.00	34.00	88.00
16.	Meghalaya	20.00	17.00	Nil	37.00
17.	Nagaland	20.00	17.00	71.50	108.50
18.	Orissa	114.80	224.30	219.50	558.60
19.	Punjab	50.90	100.87	98.74	250.51
20.	Rajasthan	138.70	270.90	265.32	674.92
21.	Sikkim	20.00	Nil	71.50	91.50
22.	Tamil Nadu	193.60	379.45	371.51	944.56
23.	Tripura	20.00	34.00	34.00	88.00
24.	West Bengal	288.60	243.00	Nil	531.60
25.	Uttar Pradesh	430.50	841.28	892.87	2164.65

(d) does not arise.

Pending Projects of Delhi

1887. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some industrial projects pertaining to the National Capital Terrotory of Delhi are pending for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof project-wise;

(c) the estimated cost of these projects;

(d) the reasons for delay in taking decision on these projects; and

(e) by when the decision is likely to be taken on these projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (e).. In terms of Ministry of Urban Development Notification No. S.O.606(E) dated 1.8.1990, there is a ban on setting up of medium and large projects in the territory of Delhi. Decision on grant of industrial licence are guided inter-alia by State/Central locational policy.

However, one industrial licence application for setting up of an industrial unit in the National Capital Territory of Delhi for the manufacture of readymade garments has been received in June, 1996 and the same is within the stipulated time limit of disposal. The proposed investment in fixed assets in the above proposal amounts to Rs. 88 lakhs.

[English]

Inflation Rate

1888. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT
SHRI DATTA MEGHE
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have calculated the inflation rate in the context of present hike in Petroleum products;

(b) whether this inflation is likely to have adversely effects on essential commodities and the people living under poverty line as well as common people;

(c) if so, the percentage of hike on day to day commodities; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the price rise of essential commodities and to contain the inflation rate?